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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro MACHIDA et al.

Application No.: 09/810,534

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For: OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the January 20, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**